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**TO: ALL REGION II JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS
ALL REGION II JOB CORPS CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTER
DIRECTORS THROUGH AGENCY PARTNERS
ALL REGION II JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS**

SUBJECT: PY06 REGION 2 VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING (VST) COMPETITION

- A. Purpose:** To announce the annual Vocational Skills Training Competition for all Region II Job Corps centers. This Bulletin will provide information on dates, locations, procedures and activities for the competition.
- B. Background:** Since 1990, various competitions have been held in Region 2 to display the talents and abilities of students. These events have been successful in promoting student morale and retention. In order to continue the opportunity for students to participate in a variety of activities, the Region will again sponsor a Vocational Skills Project Competition that will allow students to showcase their career technical competencies.

The standing Regional Vocational Taskforce was charged with establishing the criteria and rules for the competition. The taskforce will also be responsible for judging all entries.

- C. Procedures:** Center Directors and Vocational Managers should become familiar with this instruction and adhere to the procedures outlined. Centers are encouraged to promote participation in this competition by involving VST instructors and students in all aspects of the selected VST project.
- D. Rules:**
1. Each center may submit one center-based VST project and one community-based VST project. Centers are not required to submit both types. Only a single project may be submitted in each category.
 2. The construction or rehab work of the submitted project must be begun and completed during this program year (PY 2007) ending June 30, 2008.

E. Criteria:

Projects will be judged based on the following criteria:

Center-based VST Project

1. The extent to which the project enhances students' life at the center, or improves the overall appearance /functionality of the center facility Possible 40 points
2. The quality of the project/workmanship - including design, craftsmanship, neatness, professionalism Possible 40 points
3. Variety of skills/ competencies utilized in the project. Possible 20 points

Community VST Project

1. The extent to which the project enhances the appearance of the community or enhances the lives of community members. Possible 40 points
2. The quality of the project/workmanship – including design, craftsmanship, professionalism Possible 40 points
3. Determine the variety of skills/competencies utilized by each trade involved in the project. Possible 20 points

Note: Points will be deducted for any unsafe practices observed in the photographs.

F. Submission:

McNeely, Pigott and Fox will provide each center with two 24X36 poster boards. The center will use no more than 2 poster boards to describe the finished VST projects submitted in each category. If more than 2 boards are used, the project will be disqualified. Again, centers do NOT have to send submissions in both categories in order to compete.

We have had to disqualify centers for missing and/or incomplete VST-2's and centers have lost points for not including the names of the students who participated in the projects. Please read the following instructions:

- A design drawing (where applicable) and a complete narrative explanation to describe how the project meets the criteria listed above must be included.
- The display should include detailed photographs. The photographs should include close-ups of the workmanship, and at least one photo showing the project in its setting. Before and after photos should be included for rehab projects
- On the back of the poster board tape a copy of the original signed and approved VST-2.
- The names of the students who participated in the project and their respective trades must be posted to the back of the poster.

G. Prizes:

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for the center-based and the community-based VST project.

1. Each student involved in the project will receive a certificate of acknowledgment.
2. A plaque will be presented for each winning entry which can be proudly placed on the finished VST project.

3. A monetary award (to be determined) for each winning center to purchase vocational equipment will be provided.

H. Action:

1. McNeely, Pigottt, & Fox will mail poster boards to each center in June 2008.
2. Centers will prepare and submit the completed poster boards to McNeely, Pigott & Fox by close of business, August 8, 2008. Late entries will not be considered.

Mail Entries to: Danecia Jones
McNeely, Piggott & Fox
611 Commerce Street, Suite 2800
Nashville, TN 37203

3. Judging will occur during the August meeting of the Vocational Taskforce.
4. Winners will be announced in September, 2008.

I. Inquiries: Questions regarding this instruction should be addressed to Vocational Taskforce Coordinator Thomas McDermott (215) 861-5509.

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